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Serial No. 09/955,174

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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William G. KERR

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For: CONTROL OF NK CELL FUNCTION AND SURVIVAL BY MODULATION OF SHIP ACTIVITY

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, in the first paragraph after RELATED APPLICATIONS, please replace the first paragraph with the following new paragraph:

--This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/233,661, filed

September 19, 2000, and to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/314,099, filed August 23, 2001,  
the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated in their entirety by reference.--